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	Examiner Mark J. Beauchaine	Art Unit 3653	

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 46-100 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 46-80 and 85-100 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 81 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 82-84 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/10/03 & 1/5/04</u> .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The prior art listed the Foreign Patent Documents and Other Prior Art-Non Patent Literature Documents sections of Form PTO-1449 (6 pages) of Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated 10 December 2003 have not been considered. Although the Applicant indicated that copies of said documents have been submitted in parent Application Number 10/434,384, only the U.S. documents were found after a diligent search. The Applicant is invited to submit any documents he wishes to be reviewed by the Examiner for full consideration.

Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Art Unit: 3653

Claim 81 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Patent Number 4,092,990 by Bayne. The vibratory coin feeder disclosed by Bayne incorporates hopper 12, platform 20 and hole 19 that read on the Applicant's input region, vibrating coin feeder and coin discriminator, respectively. Regarding the Applicant's coin discriminator, said hole 19 of Bayne acts as a discriminator by allowing properly sized coins to pass through it while "larger coins simply are left on the table and never dispensed" (column 5, lines 26 plus).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 46-80 and 85-100 are allowed. Claims 82-84 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The following related art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Patent Number US 6,401,010 B1 by Takahashi because of its main control section 1,

Patent Number 5,699,328 by Ishizaki et al because of its CPU 54,

Patent Number 5,055,657 by Miller et al because of its central computer 16, and

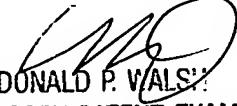
Patent Number 4,059,122 by Kinoshita because of its sorting devices 5.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark J. Beauchaine whose telephone number is (703)308-6336. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM through 5:00PM Mondays through Thursdays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald P. Walsh can be reached on (703)306-4173. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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